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Paul B. Baker
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RE: Simplot Phosphates, LLC, Vernal Phosphate Operations Mine, M/047/0007,
Uintah County, Utah

For future correspondence please reference Case No. 14-1729

Dear Mr. Baker:

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office received your request for our comment on the above referenced undertaking on December 9, 2014.

We concur with your determinations of eligibility and effect for this undertaking. UTSHPO looks forward to reviewing the treatment plan to resolve adverse effects for these two sites.

Utah Code 9-8-4-4(1)(a) denotes that your agency is responsible for all final decisions regarding cultural resources for this undertaking. Our comments here are provided as specified in U.C.A. 9-8-4-4(3)(a)(i). If you have questions, please contact me at 801-245-7263 or Lori Hunsaker at 801-245-7241 lhunsaker@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

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